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IN THE SPECIFICATION

5 --The locking elements 320a, 320b (Fig. 3c) are disposed on the cap 304 and body 302 respectively at an elevation and position such that the two elements 320 engage one another when the cap 304 is partly screwed onto the body 302, with sufficient threaded engagement to preclude easy cap removal. Specifically, the locking elements 320 are designed to engage when the cap is approximately 2/3 through its full rotational travel, thereby placing the lower edge of the cap sidewall 318 well below the elevation of the body ridge ~~318~~ 316. Hence, when 10 the cap 304 is not fully screwed on, the inter-cap gap 319 is not exposed to the animal. When the two locking elements 320a, 320b do engage, the user simply distorts the cap sufficiently (and concurrently applies torque to the cap in the rotational direction) so as to cause the one element 320a to move past the other element 320b. This (albeit minimal) distortion is accomplished simply through 15 grasping the cap in one's hands, the nylon material being sufficiently pliable to flex enough to move the two elements 320a, 320b relative to one another in the radial dimension, somewhat akin to the well-known "child-proof cap" on pharmaceutical bottles. --